



St Paul's Catholic Parish Primary School
Albion Park

**"In the richness of our Catholic
Faith and tradition
We achieve excellence"**

Term 3 Overview

Year 5

RELIGION:

Unit 5.5 The Catholic Church in Australia has a Special Story – This unit explores the beginning of the Catholic Church in Australia and important figures in its development. It also explores how the Catholic Church in Australia is organised.

Unit 5.6 Creation – A Change of Heart – throughout this unit students will learn about; creation as graced by God and a gift to all people, about the interconnectedness of creation, what ecological conversion is and how we are all called to be stewards of God's creation.

ENGLISH:

This term the students will engage in a unit called "Australian History". We will explore the literature that helped shape our nation through political/government documents, poetry and speeches. Students will have the opportunity to recite poems as well as engage in writing their own speeches and prepare for debates.

MATHEMATICS:

This term we will be continuing our stage approach to Mathematics. Aspects of number, patterns and algebra, data, measurement, space and geometry, and working mathematically will be addressed.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH:

SAFE LIVING

The students will explore safe and unsafe practices in and around water and in the community, including road, bike and park safety.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Physical Education lessons will involve the development of Soccer skills and rules. Sports uniforms will still be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays.

CREATIVE ARTS:

In Creative Arts the focus will be on Visual Arts and Music. In Visual Arts our focus and major work will be concerned with Religious Art, in preparation for the CEO Christmas Art competition which is due in Term Four. In Music students will be investigating structure, repetition and contrast in lyrics and melody through composition.

SCIENCE:

In Term 3, Year 5 will be exploring “Chemical Sciences” - Looking at the different states of matter and exploring how different materials react and interact with each other.

HSIE:

The students will engage in a unit of work called ‘Significant People and Events that Shaped Australia’. This is a history unit whereby the students learn about events such as the gold rush and the internal exploration of Australia. The students will gain an understanding and appreciation for the role that individuals and events played in developing Australia as a nation. As part of this unit, the students will participate in an excursion to the Rocks area of Sydney to experience early colonial life and investigate significant people in Australia’s past.

Teacher Relief:

Mrs Stephanie Rowles will work in Year 5 Red each Wednesday (9:00am - 12:35pm), Thursday and Friday (9:00am - 10:55am), and Mrs Monica McCann will take 5 Blue on a Thursday (12:35pm - 3:10pm).

Library:

Year 5 Blue will visit the library each week on Wednesday and 5 Red on a Friday. Students must bring a library bag to borrow books from our school library. All library books must be returned or brought back for re-borrowing after 1 week.

Crunch and Sip:

Students will continue to bring a piece of fresh raw fruit, to be eaten at some stage during the morning block.

Homework:

Homework will continue to be handed out each Monday (Weeks 1 – 9). The students will receive a homework task or sheet to be completed for the following Friday. We continue to encourage the children to record their reading in their school diaries and parents to sign each week. Diaries will also continue to be used to record homework other than that which appears on their homework sheet.

A few important REMINDERS

Morning Arrival

Your child is expected to be at school before the first bell at 8:52 am. The second bell rings at 8:55 am. This is when school commences. The front pedestrian gate will be locked at this time. All late arrivals after this time will need to be signed in at the front office.

Absentee notes

If your child is absent for any reason it is very important that we receive a note on his/her return to school, as it is a legal requirement.

If you are going away on a family holiday for more than 3 days please contact the school office, as it is a legal requirement that you fill out an Application for Leave form. This form needs to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the leave.

Late Arrivals

All students arriving late to school must be signed in by parent/carers

Collecting Students in the Afternoon

When collecting students from school premises in the afternoons – students are not permitted to leave the school premises to meet their parents in parked cars. Please collect your child/children from the teacher who supervises the children.

Complaints Handling Procedures

A reminder - If there are issues arising about life at school and your child's learning, please approach your child's teacher about the problem.

To do this please make an appointment through the School Office for an agreed time to address the issue. Please do not approach teachers on morning assembly lines on their way to class. At that time they have teaching responsibilities and need to be free to do their best work in the classroom to sustain a positive learning environment.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of that meeting, then make an appointment through the School Office to speak to the member of the School Leadership Team who works with the relevant stage:

Early Stage 1 (Kinder) and Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)	– Mrs Lisa Mammone – Middle Leader
Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	– Mrs Janet Sykes – Acting Assistant Principal
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)	– Mr Simon Farrugia – Acting Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator

In the event that one of these Leadership Team members are absent the matter will be referred to Mrs Easton.

Please make an appointment with the teacher and or Stage Coordinator to discuss your concerns. Emailing issues does not always solve the problem, as a meeting will be necessary anyway.

Lastly, if you are still not satisfied with the outcome and feel that it is necessary to speak to the Principal, Mrs Easton about the issue, please make an appointment through the School Office. Your concerns will always be listened to and hopefully problems solved, as we consider the well being of the child as vitally important.

Parent Helpers / Volunteers

All Parent Helpers or Volunteers need to complete either a Working with Children Check Form or a School Volunteers Form. The school requires this before they can assist in the classroom, on Canteen or with school activities such as the Athletics, Cross Country or Swimming Carnivals. If you have not already submitted one of these forms to us, please contact the office for a form to be sent home to you for completion.

We hope this overview will assist you in participating in your child's education through encouragement and interest in all they do each day at school. We look forward to working with you for the remainder of the year. Your role is vital and so supportive of our partnership as educators of your children.



Mrs Belinda Evans
Year 5 Blue Class Teacher



Mr Simon Farrugia
Year 5 Red Class Teacher